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INDONESIAN MILITARY EAST TIMOR OPERATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

translation of latest Clandestine Resistance report

A report by the East Timorese Clandestine Resistance, dated 7 August, just received in Darwin, contains the following information on military activities and actions against the civilian population.

The authors ask for urgent international action to protect the victims of these latest Indonesian Army human rights violations.

Killings, arrests, detentions and disappearances

▪ Baucau region

a. At Wailacama-Baucau, members of the Indonesian army battalion 745 assassinated two East Timorese youths, Agostinho Belo and Marcelino Freitas, on 21 July 1995. The two youth were shot dead after an incursion by Falintil into Wailacama. The youths were accused by the Indonesian army of being involved in that incursion, in which the local Indonesian military commander (Koramil) of Vemasse was wounded.

b. Relatives of the above victims and others were arrested and tortured on 22 July, allegedly for helping the Falintil guerrillas. Jose Freitas and Luis Belo were badly beaten and are seriously wounded in Baucau Hospital.

The following people have been arrested:
1- Cosme da Costa Freitas, village head of Vemasse;
2- Helio da Costa Freitas, (22),student;
3- Diamantino da Costa Freitas,(25), student;
4- Victor Freitas, (27), student;
5- Joao Filomeno Soares, (35), village head of Uaigae;
6- Evaristo de Sousa, (55), former village head of Uaigae;
7- Victor da Costa Freitas, (27), public servant;
8- Joao Agostinho, (27), public servant;
9- Olimpio da Costa, (25), village head of Kaitua.

Young people from Uailili and Gariuai fled to the mountains and dispersed into three 'liberated areas' under the command of David Daitula, Rodak and Lere.

▪ Ermera - Gleno regions

The following cases are reported.
People arrested and kept detained at the Police quarters in Gleno:
1- Fernando Maia, (21).son of Arnaldo Maia, born in Raimorhei, arrested on 1-8-95.
2- Sidolizio Viegas,(20) born in Mertutu, arrested on 2-8-95.
3- Joao da Costa Neves, (20) born in Leguimena, arrested 5-8-95.

Disappeared people whose whereabouts are still unknown.
1- Constancio Faria
2- Angelino Martins
3- Andre Salsinha
4- Bento Ximenes
5- Antonio Lam
6- Cesar Manuel dos Santos
7- Julio
8- Virgilio

Indonesian Army movements
It is reported that there are six Indonesian Army battalions operating in the regions of Ermera, Gleno, Cailaco, Maliana and Atsabe: 711, 511, 433, 727, 114, and 116. Three of them are concentrated in Fatubessi and Sare. The commander of battalion 711 is based in Lulirasa-Southern Ermera. The battalion is armed with with a cannon.

There are 24 Indonesian battalions currently operating in East Timor.
In the western sector of the territory battalions 711, 511, 433, 727, 114, and 116.
In the centre sector: 310, 320, 320(?), 106, 408, 503, 527, 144.
In the eastern Sector: 754, 311, 327, 130, 431, 420, 421, 611, 508, 512.

Disappeared Resistance leader
It was also mentioned that according to some reports, Pedro Nunes(Sabalae), leader of the Clandestine Resistance and his friend Remigio Levy da Costa, who have disappeared in early July, were captured at Tibar by the battalion 711. They were taken to Tikelali(?) for questioning. On July 3, their captors are said to have handed them over to SGI (Indonesian military intelligence) headquarters in Dili-Colmera. Three days later, they were transferred to Jakarta. The latest information indicates that they might be in Bali.

Other
Isidro Lemos from Riheu and Felix from Mertutu have gone underground as a result of being pursued by Indonesian military intelligence.

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